



# CITIES READINESS INITIATIVE

## Fact Sheet

### Key Facts about the Cities Readiness Initiative Pilot Program

The Cities Readiness Initiative will help save lives through timely delivery of medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency.

#### Cities Included in the CRI Pilot Program

Twenty cities and the National Capital Region (District of Columbia) have been chosen to participate in this pilot program. These cities have been chosen based on their population and geographic location.

The cities are (funding allocated for each city is in parentheses):

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| • Atlanta, GA     | (\$740,000)   | • Minneapolis, MN      | (\$710,000)   |
| • Boston, MA      | (\$840,000)   | • New York, NY         | (\$5,100,000) |
| • Chicago, IL     | (\$2,150,000) | • Philadelphia, PA     | (\$1,350,000) |
| • Cleveland, OH   | (\$770,000)   | • Phoenix, AZ          | (\$1,280,000) |
| • Dallas, TX      | (\$1,190,000) | • Pittsburgh, PA       | (\$690,000)   |
| • Denver, CO      | (\$820,000)   | • St. Louis, MO        | (\$690,000)   |
| • Detroit, MI     | (\$1,030,000) | • San Diego, CA        | (\$1,220,000) |
| • Houston, TX     | (\$1,650,000) | • San Francisco, CA    | (\$940,000)   |
| • Las Vegas, NV   | (\$790,000)   | • Seattle, WA          | (\$830,000)   |
| • Los Angeles, CA | (\$2,670,000) | • District of Columbia | (\$830,000)   |
| • Miami, FL       | (\$710,000)   |                        |               |

#### CRI Will Enhance Collaboration at All Levels of Government

The federal government will provide direct assistance to cities to help them increase their abilities to receive and dispense medicine and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile. As a result of this pilot program, plans from all levels of government (federal, state and local) will be unified to ensure a consistent, effective and timely response in the event of a large-scale public health emergency. CRI will help ensure that cities are able to use all the resources available to them for emergency response and preparedness efficiently and effectively.

The “best practices,” tools and information developed during CRI will be shared with all American cities and regions. This will ensure that everyone has the best available information and tools for responding to a major public health emergency. Large-scale public health emergencies could include, but are not limited to:

- Bioterrorism attacks
- Nuclear accidents
- Disease outbreaks such as pandemic influenza

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City/State medical, bioterrorism, and emergency responders from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA), Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Veteran's Administration (VA) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) are working together.

### **Enhanced Federal, State and Local Coordination is the Next Logical Step in Preparedness**

The Strategic National Stockpile has been expanded, and the states cities have been planning for receipt, warehousing, and dispensing of medicines and medical supplies. The next logical step is to enhance preparation for a major public health emergency by creating unified plans that encompass all levels of government.

**Cities will have regular milestones to achieve while implementing CRI.** Clear and measurable goals will be determined by the cities and agencies involved; gaps in planning will be identified and closed. The project is expected to last 8 months.

**This planned pilot program is a part of our ongoing work to ensure readiness; it is not a response to a specific threat.** Our knowledge of how certain biological agents can be used as weapons and how quickly we must respond to a bioterrorism event has improved. We must include this new knowledge into our planning. Our preparations to thwart those who wish us harm are ongoing and will incorporate new information as it is available.

For more information, visit [www.bt.cdc.gov](http://www.bt.cdc.gov), or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY).

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